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In re Application of:

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A COMBINATION SHUTTER AND  
ATTENUATOR DISK FOR AN  
IMAGING APPARATUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of the above-referenced  
application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as set forth below:

--1. A combination shutter and attenuator disk assembly for use in  
an imaging apparatus, the disk assembly comprising:

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a circular disk which includes a circular attenuating portion that  
surrounds a rotational axis of the disk, said circular attenuating portion being  
divided into at least a first light attenuating section which provides a first amount  
of light attenuation when the first light attenuating section is placed at an optical  
path of a light source, and a second light attenuating section which provides a  
second amount of light attenuation which is different from the first amount of  
light attenuation when the second light attenuating section is placed at said optical  
path of the light source;